

essary but in the main he will, it is hoped, be able to carry out this plan. "My plans for leaving for western China are assuming the following shape: from Peking to Chang tō fu, in Northern Honan, by train. Then by carts to Lin hsien; here in the neighboring mountains many rare trees are said to abound, like *Pinus bungeana*, various conifers and others.

"From Lin hsien by pack animals through the wild mountains, to Pai hsiang chen (Shansi) where these large jujubes are cultivated. Here I will try to get photos of green fruits and the orchards in leaf, though it may be too early yet.

"From Pai hsiang chen, we will move on to Sianfu, Shensi. Then probably by the southern route over Fōng siang fu to Chow tien (N. Szechuan). Then along the Hei shin ho (black water stream) to Kiai, trying to collect wild peaches (*A. persica* var. *potanini*) and almonds which occur there.

"From Kiai we may go over Siho and Titao to Lanchowfu, Kansu.

"From Lanchowfu I may go to Sining and return by way of Chobsen and Chetertou to Lanchowfu again, passing through regions rich in forests and where Przewalski collected many novelties.

"In late winter (1914) or early spring, 1915, I may leave Lanchowfu, and go by way of Titao, Minchow, Siku, Kungala pass (19000 ft. alt.) to Sungpan (Szechuan). From there to Chengtu and Chungking. Then along the Yang tse Kiang over Wan hsien and Tchang to Hankow. In Szechuan and Hupeh I will make special enquiries regarding woodnut-oil problems and bamboo-manufacture. In May 1915 I may again be in Peking and then leave for America, arriving in Washington possibly before the fiscal year has expired.

"The problems to which special attention will be paid on this coming journey are those connected with jujubes, persimmons, wild peaches, and other wild fruits, bamboos and wood-oil trees. Of course, as usual, I will stumble across lots of things too interesting not to bag them also.

"There are several dark clouds hanging over these proposed journeys. The worst is the brigandage out in N. W. China. Powerful bands of these rascals are still operating in Kansu especially, and at times I am considerably worried by the accounts one finds in the papers. I would hate to lose my whole outfit in an encounter with these scoundrels.

"Another problem is the money question. Will I be able to finance the thing properly? We will try and see and when I do not get robbed, I think we will be able to manage it alright.

"The third difficulty is the one that is always with one, viz., will my new interpreter prove to be up to our desires? All we can do is to hope for the best."